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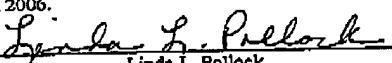
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 26, 2006, Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, Species A1, wherein claims 1-13, 16-21, and 24-26 are readable thereon, to prosecute in the above-identified patent application. As noted by the Examiner, claims 1-11; 17-19, and 24-26 are generic.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement between Species A1 and Species A2 because it is believed that they are relatively closely related and that a proper search of one of the claims sets would require searching the same areas as a proper search for the other claims set. For instance, the impedance (an electrical parameter under Species A1) of an electrical path is relatively closely related to the thickness (a geometrical parameter under Species A2) of the electrical path. As such, it is respectfully submitted that it would not be unduly burdensome to examine at the same time both sets of method claims for designing a plurality of electrical paths in a substrate. MPEP §803 states: "If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement between Species A1 and A2.

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If any fees are due in connection with the filing this Response to Restriction Requirement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 500388 (Order No. ALTRP099).

Respectfully submitted,
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